

TO: MIGRANT PROJECT DIRECTORS
FROM: MARY LOU LOPEZ, MIGRANT EDUCATION COORDINATOR
RE: BINATIONAL TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

DATE: December 1, 2008

The State Department of Education, Migrant Education Program, will be participating in the Mexico Binational Teacher Exchange Program for summer school 2009. The goal of the program is to have Mexican teachers visit Idaho schools and exchange teaching ideas, and curriculum with the host districts. The Teacher Exchange program has proven to be extremely successful and an enriching experience for teachers, parents, and students. The State MEP will request to host and place 6 teachers from Mexico through out Idaho for 4 weeks of summer school. We would like to invite districts to apply to serve as hosts to these teachers during the month of June 2009.

Host districts responsibilities:

1. Provide room and board for the Mexican teacher during his/her stay.
2. Provide transportation to and from summer school.
3. Purchase materials and supplies to support binational educational activities in your school.
4. Complete the enclosed application and mail to the State Department of Education.
5. State MEP will provide weekly stipends for 6 teachers, weekly stipend will be \$150.00 per week per teacher with a total of \$600.00 per teacher for the month of June.

Mexico does an excellent job of preparing the teachers with activity ideas in the areas of math, reading, art, culture, and Mexico history. You will need to indicate which areas you are interested in having the teacher present during the summer school session. In addition, the Mexican teachers will come prepared to work with parents and migrant staff.

Christina Alvarez-Martinez, Coordinator for the Mexican Teacher Exchange program is available to help you complete the application and answer any questions pertaining to the Teacher Exchange Program. Her number is 208-785-8835.

Please send a letter of interest indicating the dates your district will hold summer school and a completed application to Mary Lou Lopez, State Department of Education, Migrant Education Program, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720. Application deadline is January 15, 2009. All applicants will be notified by February 6, 2009. Enclosed is a hard copy of the application. An electronic copy can be found at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/migrant_edu/reports_documents.htm .